

J.J.N. School Council Meeting Agenda November 16th, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

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Mark Kay, Chair
Beinta Hansen-Wong, Secretary
Kaitlyn Boyko, President F&F
Lydia Yeomans, Trustee
Grace Kully, Partners in Prayer
Ashley Dascavich, Compassionate Friends
Vacant, Major Projects Committee
Gage Atkinson, Yearbook
Marina Lotoski, Principal
Darren Skalski, Vice Principal

1. Call to Order 6:30pm.

2. Attendance: Mark Kay, Beinta Hansen-Wong, Grace Kully, Ashley Dascavich, Marina Lotoski, Darren Skalski, Kaitlyn Boyko and Carly Haynes

3. Welcome, Acknowledgement, Prayer, Introductions

4. Adoption of Agenda (vote)

A motion to add in a discussion of \$500 coming from the school council engagement grant to the chairperson report.

First: Ashley Dascavich

Second: Kaitlyn Boyko

All in favour, none opposed. MOTION carried.

5. Review and adoption of previous minutes (Oct 19, 2022)

6. Administration Report

See Attached Report

Marina presented the school's academic results from last year's grade 6's. Our school was compared province wide and did extremely well in all areas. We were unsure of how the students would score due to the pandemic but were very impressed and pleased with the results.

The teacher's new wish list was presented to us and is attached below.

Marina also informed us of the Alberta ICE (Integrated Child Exploitation) presentation. This is a complimentary resource/service from the RCMP for parents. It's a resource to inform and navigate parents around internet guidelines and protection of children. We discussed

potentially having another school join us for the presentation as it was low attendance at the IKKI presentation last year.

7. Trustee's Report

See Attached Report

We have a new Trustee, Lydia Yeomans. She wasn't present at this meeting but we look forward to meeting her at the next meeting.

8. Chairperson Report: - School banner for events. - New Trustee, Lydia Yeomans

The banner was missed at the last Families & Friends meeting and will be added to the next meeting.

There was some discussion around doing the ICE RCMP lecture that Marina suggested. Some concern was that for our IKKI Girl Presentation, there was very low attendance. Perhaps, we could participate with another school to put on this event. Alternatively, if there is a virtual link for parents to watch it on at a later time, this might be better. We also talked about different platforms to utilize in the arena of communication with parents. We heard that some council members preferred Social Media and others preferred the current format of WAG. The WAG will still be the primary but perhaps utilizing social media more would be a benefit.

9. Families & Friends Report

See Attached Report

The Bank balance is \$9,915.02 with payments from Healthy Hunger (\$935.11) and the art card fundraiser (\$1,914.72) arriving this month. We had a very successful Halloween dance with over 400 people attending. Prizes were given out for best dressed and the child who won the jelly bean contest won ice cream dessert for his entire class. The feedback from the dance was that everyone had a great time, adults and children alike.

10. Committee Reports

A) Yearbook - Gage has received interest from 3 or 4 different people. Hopefully, we will have someone next year to fill this position.

B) Compassionate Friends - Compassionate Friends purchased a gift card (\$50 to DoorDash) for a JJ family dealing with medical concerns. I'm also touching base with Marina next week in regards to another family that is needing some support. On December 8th, we will do a Cinnaholic fundraiser for Compassionate Friends again. This was very successful last year. We've chosen a Thursday that there is no hot lunch.

C) Partners in Prayer - We met on Nov.4 and it went well.

D) Major Projects Committee - Playground - Still waiting on approval from the city, she has assured me she is working towards getting it done. We can fundraise as much as we want at any point, we can start doing them now if we want. Process for picking the contractor will be discussed at the meeting. There is also a draft of a survey attached below to be sent out to parents. In addition, we would like to engage with students through their teachers in their classrooms prior to the Christmas break to get their feedback on what is important to them for the park (i.e. monkey bars, sand, foamy ground, slides, swings etc.).

11. Old Business

12. New Business

Mark asked council if we wanted to move some money over to the Teacher's Wish List. The teacher's wish list is attached under the Administration Report. There is a request for games and puzzles as well as Chromebooks and Ipads. It was suggested that for the games and puzzles, an email could be sent out requesting parents who have any of these items in good condition and who aren't using them to be donated to the school. As well, in addition, a motion was put forth for approximately \$50 for each class plus GST to a dollar amount of \$750.00. There was also some dialogue in making a motion for money for the Chromebooks. Some members felt that we should table this til January. Other's felt that we should motion right away to request for Family and Friends to purchase some Chromebooks and/or iPads.

A motion was set forth to request \$750.00 from Family and Friends for unique math games and puzzles.

First: Grace Kully

Second: Kaitlyn Boyko

All in favour, none opposed. MOTION carried.

A motion was set forth to request \$1500 from Family and Friends for new Chromebooks and Ipads.

First: Grace Kully

Second: None

There was no seconder for this motion. MOTION denied.

13. Next meeting is January 18, 2023

14. Adjournment (vote) @ 7:55

First: Ashley Dascavich

Second: Carly Haynes

JJN Administration November Report: Marina Lotoski
November 16, 2022

RESULTS REPORTING

One of the key ways that school authorities demonstrate accountability and provide assurance is through the development and publication of their education plans and Annual Education Results Reports (AERR).

School authority education plans identify priorities, outcomes, measures and strategies to improve in key areas while the AERR provides the results achieved from implementing the plan. The results used to develop the education plan and report performance in the AERR come from provincial and local measures.

I. Annual Education Results Report (AERR) 2021-22: (Coming soon) II. J. J.

Nearing School Education Assurance Plan Priorities for the 2022-23: [\(LINK\)](#)

- Based on local and provincial surveys and results, the JJN School Education Assurance Plan for 2022- 2025 indicates evidence of success, opportunities for growth, and goals and strategies set for the upcoming school year.

- Included in this plan is a faith and learning goal, along with strategies that will be used to accomplish these goals.

Faith Goal: To support students to ARISE and Go with God; through study and engagement to know and live like Jesus and through acts of social justice to be like Christ for others.

school actions:

- engage in social justice and charity projects that relate to our Catholic Social Teachings and Gospel messages, especially with Catholic Social Services and Chalice;
- engage in school community liturgies and projects that explicitly communicate with students and parents how we encourage students to be Christ for others;
- engage in a faith-infused curriculum, including religious education, to develop and promote faith, hope, and engagement; communicate with parents how religion classes help their children to know and live like Jesus Christ;
- engage students and parents in ways to make our faith theme come alive (Arise - Get Up, Get Going, Go with God!).
- Students participate in Truth and Reconciliation (residential schools, treaties, cultural stories, ways of knowing) activities in school, and learn connections to our Catholic faith.

Learning Goal: Students will develop literacy and numeracy skills and strategies, as well as increase their knowledge and understanding of indigenous beliefs and practices and connections with our Catholic faith.

school actions:

- integrating literacy and numeracy strategies;
 - o K to gr. 3 integrate New Math, ELAL curriculum
 - o Gr. 4 - 6 Develop strategies in morphology, fluency and comprehension
- integrating K to gr. 6 New Physical Education and Wellness curriculum
- diagnostic assessments and interventions in math/numeracy and language arts/literacy, to make informed decisions that connect assessment to instruction;
 - o T-Series screeners and strategies for all grade levels;
 - o Math Intervention Programming Instrument (MIPI) - tool used to assess math knowledge and skills;
 - o Fountas and Pinnell reading assessment - tool to assess fluency and comprehension; o Alberta Education Literacy Intervention kits; George Georgiou shared tools and resources, as well as others
 - o Mathology resource for Gr 1- 6
- increased focus and communication on connections between Catholic faith and Indigenous beliefs and practices; First Nation, Metis and Inuit perspectives; and participation of students in Truth and Reconciliation activities;
- learning that furthers Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action within a faith-based context and understanding of foundational concepts in emerging curriculum.
- continued focus on school wide expectations, wellbeing and engagement (introduce Dare to Care bully prevention program).

● Advent begins on November 27, 2022.

- The JJN Advent Liturgy will be led by our Kindergarten students on November 28 at 10:15 a.m.
- December will be filled with a variety of events to help students focus on the Advent season. Our theme for this year will be on the Nativity scene - a scene that represents how humbly God came into the world. It also draws us to reflect on how our life is part of God's life; it invites us to become his disciples (<https://www.catholicculture.org/>) - to show our love to others (Do unto others as you would have them do unto you - Luke 6:31)

- We will begin the week prior to Advent sharing stories of the Nativity • Nov. 28: Advent Liturgy

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- Nov. 28 - Dec. 23: Classes will join in prayer at the entryway Advent wreath and lead prayer over the intercom
- Dec. 2: Admin. will share a special story with JJN students
- Dec. 7 - 9: Doug Kramer, Division Chaplain and Rebecca Sakowich, Pastoral Assistant from St. Albert Parish will be in to talk with students about the significance of the Nativity
- Advent Tree decorating - all grades
- Dec. 13: JJN Christmas Play at St. Albert Parish - We are eager to have families join together on the evening of December 13 to view a very special Christmas musical play performed by our grade six JJN students. Songs will be performed by all grade one to six students. The message shared through this performance will help everyone get into the Christmas spirit. Kindergarten students will do a special performance at the 5:30 performance
 - two showings (5:30 pm gr. K, 1, 3 & 5/ 6:30 pm gr. 2, 4, 6). As well, dress rehearsals will take place during the day. More information will be shared in the near future.

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- Remembrance Day Observance with FatherJack was on Friday November 4. Our grade three students did a wonderful job leading the Observance & Liturgy.
 - Donations were collected for the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Campaign

- **Report Cards** for grade 1-6 students will be posted on Monday, December 5. Our platform for report cards is PowerSchool. Parents will receive information on how to access their child's report card on this platform prior to December 5.

- **JJN Events for November and December:**

- Nov. 22 - 23 Kindergarten Celebration of Learning
- Nov. 27 - Advent begins
- Nov. 28 - Advent Liturgy 10:15 a.m.
- Dec. 5 - Report Cards distributed
- Dec. 8 Chaplain (Doug Kramer) to visit gr. 4, 5 & 6 students
- Dec. 7 - 9 Rebecca Sakowich, Pastoral Assistant to visit gr. 1 to 3 students
- Dec. 13 - Christmas Concert

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Item	Description - What benefit is it for students? Does it benefit all or some students?	Cost & where to purchase it from (include links)
Math Games	Games for students to play during collaboration time, and/or recess to develop numeracy skills, including number sense.	I. Board Games 15 classes X 2 games (\$50 each) = \$1,500 II. Decks of cards and dice; plus resources with simple to complex games = \$1000 ----- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - S. C. AND F & F approved \$750 to go toward unique math games. - JJN Admin. Will advertise for donations of gently used math appropriate games and puzzles in the Parent WAG
Chrome books (for classroom stations)		14 Chromebooks X approx. \$250 = \$3,500.00
Ipads (for classroom stations)		

Technology and Social Media

[Safer Schools Together](#) is sharing complimentary access to download [“Raising Digitally Responsible Youth – A Parent’s Guide”](#). “The guide was designed to help introduce Parents and Caregivers to leading social media platforms, video games, and relevant trends that are either being used already or have the potential to be used by their children. The guide is full of tips, how-to’s and definitions for the most widely used apps - including TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram and more” (Safer Schools Together).

- Members of ICE (Internet Child Exploitation) would be available to speak at a school council meeting if there is interest in this...*“to share additional preventative information, as well as providing some clarity as to the scope of dangers facing our children on-line. We hope to protect our children via increasing education, awareness and prevention.”*

Zoom out

Board of Trustees

Chair: Joe Becigneul | Vice-Chair: Lydia Yeomans
Trustees: Cathy Proulx | Noreen Radford | Greg Schell | Serena Shaw | René Tremblay



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Division News

Students across the division participated in various activities including making Bannock, carving soapstone, creating art, listening and learning. Our students also attended school liturgies for Truth and Reconciliation with readings focused on turning our apology into action.

Today and every day, we remember all the families whose lives were irrevocably changed through residential schools. We pray for those who survived and those who did not.

October 30th is a day to reflect on the impacts of residential schools and think about how you can understand the truth and eventually work towards reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples in Canada. Our Division is committed to the ongoing teaching of our shared history, acknowledging the truth, and moving forward together.



All of our schools celebrated **Read In Week** with special guests reading to students across the division. During Read In Week, readers are invited to build and enhance both personal and community relationships through literacy and the love of reading.



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This past month we also celebrated **World Teacher's Day**! Teachers become a prominent part of our lives when we join a school. They influence us with their thoughts and mould us, making us courageous enough to face life's unprecedented challenges. To all of our educators, thank you.

Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world

-Malala Yousafzai



Our division celebrated the **Long Service Awards** in person at the St. Albert Curling Club earlier this month. 76 division staff members were recognized for their commitment and dedication to Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools.

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools alumni, Demetrius Kuc, wins a \$5,000 scholarship and is one of only five Canadians in 2022 to receive the AbbVie IBD award. Every year, the AbbVie IBD Scholarship is awarded to students living with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis who



exemplify outstanding leadership in their community and strive to maintain an optimal level of wellness.

School News

Students from **Neil M. Ross and Bertha Kennedy Schools** attended a Ukrainian performance. They loved the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers' Mosquito's Wedding performance! It was a great cultural experience!



Legal School students were excited to have Edmonton Elks Cheer Team Kennedy Knight (former GSACRD student), join the Grade 1-3 students for Read-In-Week! They loved hearing the stories about Thanksgiving and Halloween! Thanks for coming out to Legal School to read to us!



École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School held their first Annual Taste of SACHS and it was a giant hit! It was so nice to be able to share their various cultures with each other! Thanks to everyone that took the time to prepare and hand out food!



École Father Jan Community School completed their first service project collecting more than 800 items for the food bank! The Jaguars also celebrated a Thanksgiving Liturgy at St. Albert Catholic Parish. They say they were blessed to be able to gather as a community with staff, students and families before individual Thanksgiving celebrations. Mme Klemmer's Gr. 4 class was also presented with their bibles.





The **École Marie Poburan** cross-country athletes at the Districts competition did so well! Many came back with ribbons and medals! Bravo les amis! Thank you to Mme Moellenbeck for training them and accompanying them at the competition.



Earlier this month, we gathered together as a school community to celebrate Thanksgiving with a beautiful liturgy led by Father Trini and our grade 3 students! During the celebration, we also distributed a bible to all our grade 4 and 5 students. We are blessed, we are grateful and we are so Thankful at **École Notre Dame Elementary School**.

Congratulations to the Senior Boys' volleyball team at **École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School** as they took home first place in the WCC tournament. Great work Skyhawks!

The **Skyhawks Football** team also said goodbye to long-time coach, Sam Johnson. During their last regular season home game, (which they won), a huge turnout of alumni showed up to thank Coach Johnson for his many years of dedication to the football program. It was a special night filled with laughs, smiles, and tears.





Please congratulate the Senior Boys Volleyball team from **Morinville Community High School** on winning Bronze against Bellerose. Well done athletes and coaches!



Morinville Community High School students will have a safer time crossing 100th Avenue this winter now that the town council has moved to add crossing lights to the crosswalk in front of their school. Morinville town council voted on Oct. 11 to spend \$20,000 to install flashing crosswalk beacons on over-sized signs at 100 Ave and the MCHS crosswalk.

CONSENT & ACTION ITEMS

The following Action items were approved:

- 12.1 Board Policies Review: Policy 4: Trustee Code of Conduct, Policy 5: Role of the Board Chair (Revision), Policy 6: Role of the Vice-Chair (Revision) (Moroziuk)
- 13.1. 2022-2023 School Council Liaison Appointments
- 13.2. Family and Community Support Services to Enhance Support for English Language Learners (Giesbrecht)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- 15.2.1. Request for Information – Identity of the Vatican's Catholic Schools for
- Culture of Dialogue Report (Moroziuk)
- 15.2.2. 2022-2023 Enrolment Report (Paulik)
- 15.2.3. 2022 Alberta Education Assurance Measures Report (Giesbrecht)
- 15.2.4. First Nations, Métis and Inuit Report (Giesbrecht)
- 15.2.5. 2021-2022 Safe and Caring Schools Report (Moroziuk)

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled to take place on November 28, 2022, at 3:30 p.m.

J.J. Nearing Small Playground Survey

The J.J. Nearing Major Projects Playground Committee, along with the School Council & Friends & Families, is looking for your help to make our new small playground a reality. In early 2021, the city gave us a 2-5 year lifespan of that section of the park.

We hope to have a new playground installed in the spring/summer of 2024, and we need your help! Through grants and fundraising, we are looking to raise between \$150,000-\$200,000.

Please fill out this survey with your children, as it will help us determine what's a priority for our school community

Please note:

- This is from the Deer Ridge Drive side to the wooden ramp.
 - Anything further down will remain in place for now.
 - This does not affect the basketball courts, soccer field, ball diamond.
 - We will be choosing a vendor/equipment, after the survey results are compiled. This survey will be part of the entire process the Committee analyzes in getting us a new park
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1. Which of the following surfaces do you prefer?

- Sand
- Black "Rubber"
- Doesn't Matter

2. Which of the following equipment do you feel would be beneficial to the school community? Please choose all that apply.

- Chin up Bars
- Slides
- Structure with bridges & pathways
- Two tiered structure
- Climbing wall
- Boulder/rocks for climbing
- Spinning or twirling equipment
- Digging equipment
- Sliding poles (fire poles)
- Activity panels (ex. Tic Tac Toe)
- Chain and net climbers

- Merry go rounds
- Track gliders
- Crawling tunnels

3. What other equipment do you think should be included? Please think of parks you have visited, and what you liked about them.

4. How would you like to support and assist in the development of the J.J. Nearing small park? Please click all that apply.

- Fundraising
- Financial / Donations / Business Donor
- Playground Committee
- Volunteer Labour

Please include your contact information below, if you'd like to be connected to be Involved

Name : _____

Phone Number : _____

5. What is the best way for the Playground Committee to update you on progress, decisions, etc.? Please click all that apply.

- Paper home with children
- E-Mail
- Weekly School Email
- Social Media
- Other _____

6. How many children do you have in the school?

- 1
- 2
- 3 or more

7. What are their age ranges? Please click all that apply.

- 3-4 years old
- 5-6 years old
- 7-8 years old
- 9-10 years old
- 11-12 years old
- 12+ years old

Thank you. If you have any questions regarding the playground, please contact Mark Kay (School Council Chairperson) at ; jjnearingparentcouncil@gmail.com.

F&F of JJN UPDATE - NOVEMBER 2022

Our bank balance is currently \$9,915.02. The school has been reimbursed for the playground slide and we expect to add \$935.11 from Healthy Hunger's October payment and \$1,914.72 from the art card fundraiser.

FUNDRAISERS

The art card fundraiser was a success, raising \$1,914.72. The orders have arrived and will be sent home this week.

We are currently running the poinsettia fundraiser through Healthy Hunger. Orders close on November 24 with delivery occurring in early December.

EVENTS

The Halloween dance was very well-attended, earning a total profit of \$1,787.44.

We will be holding a vote to hold a Christmas event on December 21 at our November meeting.

INSURANCE

We were able to get in on a GSACRD group rate for our insurance, reducing our yearly premium from \$1,192 to approximately \$600.

HOT LUNCH

Hot lunch has brought in a total of \$2,453.59 to date and will continue every two weeks until Christmas break with a Kernels snack day on December 22, 2022.

The next Families & Friends meeting will take place November 16, 2022 after the council meeting.